



Picnic Area & Shelter Rules

These shelters are available to groups or individuals on either a first-come or a reservation basis; a \$25.00 per day fee is charged to reserve a shelter. To make a reservation, you may inquire at the National Park Service Visitor Center, or call (319) 643-2541 one month in advance of the event. During your visit, we ask that you abide by the following regulations for your safety and the enjoyment of all visitors:

- 1)** The person reserving the shelter or their official designee must be present at all times while the shelter is in use, and must understand the regulations for the shelters and the park in general.
- 2)** Any injuries sustained at the shelters or on park grounds must be reported immediately to park staff. Emergency treatment will be arranged for, if necessary, and the injury and circumstances documented.
- 3)** Any damage or safety hazards noticed at the shelters should be reported to park staff prior to use. Damage sustained to the shelters or grounds by users should be reported immediately.
- 4)** All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area on Loop Road near the shelters. Do NOT park on the grass. Do NOT park in the lots near the gravesite or the Library-Museum between 9am and 5pm. Vehicles are NOT allowed to cross the bridge in order to load or unload people or supplies, or any other circumstances.
- 5)** Fires are restricted to the fire receptacles which are provided, and remains from your fire are to be taken away with you when you leave. Please remember to bring an appropriate container (e.g. metal pail, can, etc.) and use enough water to thoroughly douse the fire.
- 6)** Please bring your own garbage bags, monitor the area for loose trash during your visit, and haul away your own trash. Bags of trash are not to be deposited in restroom trash containers or parking lot trash containers.
- 7)** If electrical equipment or appliances are used, it is the responsibility of the party to establish that the wattage does not exceed that available.
- 8)** Pets are allowed in the picnic area, but they must be on a leash at all times. Pet excrement must be immediately collected by pet handler and removed from site or deposited in an appropriate waste container.

- 9)** The party will ensure that no activities take place that interfere with the general public's appreciation of the site. Such activities include gambling, loud noise, or loud music. Distribution of religious or political information is prohibited. At no time is there to be any type of commercial activity, such as the selling of merchandise. Commercial photography is allowed, but only with a properly issued permit (available through the Chief Ranger's office).